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SYSTEM AND METHOD

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FOR DIVIDING A REMITTANCE

AND DISTRIBUTING A PORTION OF THE FUNDS TO MULTIPLE INVESTMENT PRODUCTS

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 2, 2004 regarding the above-referenced patent application, of which this Response is within the shortened three month statutory period for Response, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.